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Cover: Certified nurse midwives serve the patients of Su Clinica Familiar in Harlingen, Tex., largest of the NHSC sites.

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This brief annotated bibliography is included as a guide for those who wish to learn more regarding the history and operations of the National Health Service Corps.

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Commitment is a quarterly magazine for NHSC scholarship recipients and other health professionals. All issues offer insight into health care practice in shortage areas. It is available by subscription at \$5.75 from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Notes, published by NHSC, Room 6-05, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Md. 20857.

Notes is a monthly newsletter for NHSC field personnel. Others interested in the Corps can receive the newsletter by writing to the address listed.

Recent Articles by NHSC Providers

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Dana Cummings practiced in Powers, Oreg., as a family nurse practitioner with the NHSC.

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